

Remarks

Claims 1-5, 11-21, 28, and 48-53 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 11-21, 28, 48, 49, and 51-53 are allowed. Claim 50 is rejected. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 50 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, there is insufficient antecedent basis for the claim limitation “the at least one flex score.”

Claim 50 has been amended as shown above. No new matter has been added; the Examiner’s attention is directed to at least Figure 20 and page 10, lines 14-19, of the Applicant’s specification as originally filed. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the instant § 112 rejection to claim 50 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Accordingly, in view of the above, it is submitted that all the rejections and/or objections to the application have been overcome. Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant’s attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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